CFA model selection criteria

To determine model fit, the following goodness-of-fit indices were used (Schreiber, Stage, King, Nora, & Barlow, 2006):

- Chi-square (Chi²),
- Akaike information criterion (AIC) and Bayes information criterion (BIC): when comparing models, lower values of AIC and BIC indicate better model fit,
- Root mean square error of approximation (RMSEA), 90% confidence interval (CI) of RMSEA and its significance: when comparing models, lower values of RMSEA indicate better model fit (ideally below .06),
- Standardized root mean square residual (SRMR): when comparing models, lower values of SRMR indicate better model fit (ideally below .08),
- Comparative fit index (CFI): when comparing models, higher values of CFI indicate better model fit (ideally above .95),
- Tucker–Lewis index (TLI): when comparing models, higher values of TLI indicate better model fit (ideally above .95).

Table S2: CFA model fit indices

Canada		Chi ²	AIC	BIC	RMSEA	SRMR	CFI	TLI
	Three factors model, Canada	2487.583*	174045.500	174558.786	0.051 (0.049 - 0.053)*	0.047	0.871	0.859
	(Ungar & Liebenberg, 2005)							
	Three factors model, South Africa	2500.327*	174061.870	174575.156	0.051 (0.050 - 0.053)*	0.047	0.870	0.858
	(van Rensburg et al., 2019)							
	Single factor model, Canada	3417.194*	175274.498	175782.017	0.061 (0.059 - 0.063)*	0.056	0.815	0.798
	(Ungar & Liebenberg, 2011)							
South								
Africa								
	Three factors model, Canada	2193.645*	265776.720	266307.939	0.042 (0.040 - 0.043)*	0.040	0.869	0.856
	(Ungar & Liebenberg, 2005)							
	Three factors model, South Africa	2145.420*	265711.031	266242.249	0.041 (0.039 - 0.043)	0.040	0.872	0.860
	(van Rensburg et al., 2019)							
	Single factor model, Canada	2399.559*	266049.080	266580.298	0.044 (0.042 - 0.045)	0.044	0.854	0.840
	(Ungar & Liebenberg, 2011)							

Note: *: p < .05, bold: selected models for each country.

While the CFIs and TLIs did not reach their respective cutoffs or above in any model, the RMSEAs and SRMRs were sufficient and together with the AICs and BICs were used to select the best fitting model.

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